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TO those who are thinking of coming to Canada to settle, British Columbia should have attractions. One of these is that in many parts the climate is very similar to the British Isles, another is that for those who wish to get their living as farmers there is an ever-increasing market for dairy produce, meat and poultry products. The importations of food stuffs is the evidence of a good market, and those who enter the list as mixed farmers on contra distinction to the grain grower of the Northwest Provinces and fruit growers of Ontario can make a good living. Agassiz, at the head of the Lower Fraser Valley, is a place well adapted for homemakers with families of growing children, as the climate is bracing and healthy; the water is good and the supply plentiful; the land is naturally drained with a gravel subsoil and well adapted for vegetables and small fruits. Hops do well here, which shows the richness of the soil and that drainage is good. One can have a garden here similar to one in the Old Country. The industry of hop growing is carried on successfully here and would afford work at nearly all times of the year for many white families, much of the work now being done by Chinese and Hindoos simply for want of white labor. Hop growing is hardly to be engaged in by the small farmer, for a large investment is required and the running expenses heavy. It is carried on here by a limited company, who own and operate areas in other parts of British Columbia.

The Dominion Government Experimental Farm has been established here, giving new settlers every chance to get experience

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without buying it too dearly. All branches of mixed farming are carried on by the Superintendent of the Experimental Farm, and records can be obtained for the last twenty years as to weather, crops, etc. At most times of the year there is work for capable people, in fact for years there has been a short supply of good men. The railway company employs men, the hop growers need men, the farmers need men nearly all the year round, and the Government farm needs men. There are openings also for young women who would work as helpers in the homes of the district, and they would obtain good wages and be well and kindly treated. The educational side of life has not been forgotten here. There are schools which are free under Government control, non-sectarian, in all parts of the district, and a higher school for those who wish to give their elder children an advanced education. We have a branch of the Bank of British North America here, one of the oldest chartered banks in Canada, where all financial business with the outside world can be transacted. There is much land lying idle for want of settlers that can be obtained for reasonable prices and on long terms.

Our railway and transportation business is done by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, who run two local trains daily to the cities of Vancouver and New Westminster, and on either of which perishable produce can be shipped to market.

We have a Sanitarium just outside the borders of the Municipality where numbers of people go to the celebrated Hot Springs for rheumatic troubles. These people are consumers of fresh eggs, butter, cream and fresh meats, and this fact creates a good market for much local produce. There is a constant demand for poultry at good prices at the St. Alice Hotel, Harrison Hot Springs, where automobiles meet all trains going east or west and who look after their guests admirably.

The Presbyterian, Methodist, Anglican and Roman Catholic sects all have churches and ministers here, and on Sundays nearly all hold two services and a Sunday school.

We are blessed with the presence of two medical men, one in the town of Agassiz

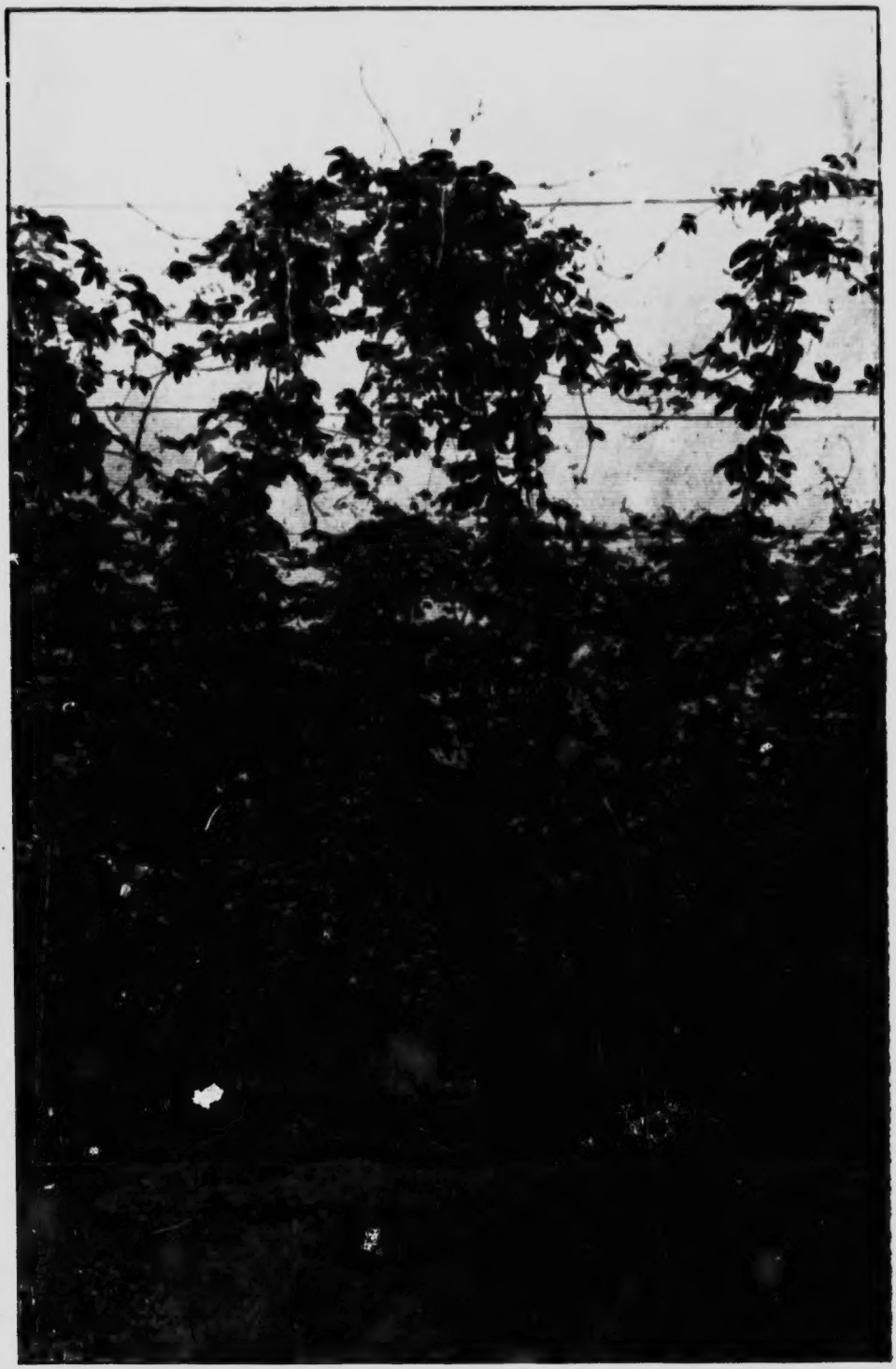
and one at the Harrison Hot Springs, so that one can get a doctor by telephone almost at any time.

The B.C. Telephone Co. have a local office and manager here and nearly all the residents have a telephone in the house. We also get connections anywhere within a radius of 100 miles west. People get it into their head that B.C. is out of the world, but we have many advantages here that residents of older countries do not enjoy.

In speaking or writing of our district we never forget to speak or write of the advantages of the portions east and west of us. Ruby Creek and Hope to the east of Agassiz are both rising places. Hope is to be connected with the outside world by the Kettle Valley Railway, and is already on the main line of the Canadian Northern Railway. It is a starting point for the mining district, and will shortly be connected with many mining camps. It boasts a weekly newspaper, which is a highly creditable sheet. Hope has electric light, and for climate and home making would be hard to beat. It has two fine hotels, where week-ends may be spent very comfortably amongst the finest scenery one could wish for. The Royal Bank of Canada has a branch there, where any ordinary banking business can be transacted. Hope is one of the old time stopping places when the Cariboo gold mines flourished and when all transportation was by the Fraser river. To the west of the town of Agassiz, some nine miles, lies the Harrison mills, where the Rat Portage Lumber Company has a splendid sawmill, where many carloads of lumber are cut ready for building houses on the prairies of Manitoba and Alberta, and where the local trade is also supplied. Quite a busy place, where the mails were transferred for many years to Chilliwack and where the Harrison lake empties into the Fraser river, and where the old original first survey was made to the Lillooet district. The first surveyor was sent in from this point up the Harrison river when the country was opened. All the logs cut on the borders of the Harrison lake come down by Harrison Mills. There is quite a stretch of farm land here, and some Indian reserves, which altogether makes the place quite picturesque.

Any information about the district, price of land, stock, employment, homemaking will be cheerfully furnished by the Secretary of the Agassiz Board of Trade. Address P.O., Agassiz.

THE PRETTY LITTLE PARK AT AGASSIZ STATION, MAINTAINED BY THE HOTEL BELLA VISTA



HOP FIELDS IN SUMMER, SHOWING THE TRELLIS AND VINES